

REBECCA FRANKLIN.

JULY 25, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 8924.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8924) granting a pension to Rebecca Franklin, have considered the same and report as follows:*

The claimant's late husband, Edmund J. Franklin, was a sergeant in Captain Bowyer's company, Illinois Volunteers, Black Hawk war, from June 10 to August 7, 1832. At the latter date he was left sick at Fort Hamilton. His widow's claim has been rejected by the Pension Bureau because of her inability to prove that his death from disease of lungs, in November, 1887, was due to his military service rendered fifty-five years before. There is, however, considerable testimony showing that the soldier was affected by disease of lungs during the years intervening between his discharge from the military service and his death. The claimant is, however, in the opinion of your committee, entitled to a service pension, in common with the surviving soldiers and widows of soldiers of the Indian wars from 1832 to 1842. A general bill creating such pensions has been favorably reported by this committee. This claimant is sixty years of age, and in poor financial condition.

The passage of the bill is recommended.